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Preventative Law Series

Immigration - Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card (I-90)

Introduction:

A lawful permanent resident (LPR) card (green card) generally expires after 10 years. You may renew your LPR card while in Japan and if you are unable to do so, you may be eligible for re-entry into the U.S. even with an expired LPR card. See below for more details.

This handout does not apply to individuals with a conditional permanent residency card. See our Preventative Law Series – *I-751 Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence* for more information.

Renewing your LPR card while overseas (I-90 petition):

If you have a 10-year LPR card, your sponsor is an active duty Servicemember or DoD state-hire civilian employee with command sponsorship, you may renew your green card while you are overseas. Visit the USCIS webpage <http://www.uscis.gov/i-90> for the proper mailing address and send the following to USCIS:

- ☐ **Form G-1145**, E-notification of Application/Petition Acceptance <https://www.uscis.gov/g-1145>
Place on top of your application package.
- ☐ **Form I-90**. <http://www.uscis.gov/i-90>
On top of the application form, write "Active Military Orders" or "Government Orders".
Use FPO or APO address for your mailing address.
- ☐ **A copy of your spouse's military orders**
- ☐ **A photocopy of both sides of your Lawful Permanent Resident Card** (green card)
- ☐ **Two properly completed FD-258 fingerprint cards** taken by security.
CFA Yokosuka: DSN 243-2300, Bldg J196 (the same building as the VRO)
CFA Sasebo: DSN 252-3446, Bldg 326 (Security Building)
Kadena AFB: DSN 634-1434, Bldg 705, Air Force Security Forces Squadron
NAF Atsugi – DSN 264-2110, Bldg 22 (Security Building)
Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia – Will be published upon verification
- ☐ **Photos** – two identical color passport-style photos (2" x 2" or 5cm x 5 cm)
- ☐ **Fees** – A total of **\$540** as of 1 April 2021 (\$455 application fee and \$85 biometric fee).
Check www.uscis.gov/i-90 for the current fees. You may pay with money order, personal check, cashier's check, or credit card using Form G-1450. Make your check payable to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
Fee Waiver Request: Check <https://www.uscis.gov/feewaiver> for eligibility and other information about a fee waiver. Please note that requesting a fee waiver may affect your current immigration status.
- ☐ Any evidence required by I-90 instruction applicable to your case.

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Tracking LPR card status after submission:

For information about tracking delivery of your green card, please visit USCIS website:

<https://www.uscis.gov/forms/forms-information/how-track-delivery-your-green-card-employment-authorization-document-ead-and-travel-document>

Extension of LPR status while on orders overseas plus four months after sponsor returns:

Dependents of Service Members or stateside-hired DoD civilians do not lose their LPR status while they are in Japan on orders plus four months after their sponsor PCS out of Japan. See the below State Department letter on travelling to the U.S. with an expired LPR card.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
U.S. Embassy Tokyo, Box 114
Unit 9800, Box 114, APO AP 96303-0114 USA or
Box 114, 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420 JAPAN

Subject: Travel to the U.S. on an Expired Alien Registration Card (I-151 or I-551 "green card") or Without an Immigrant Visa for a non-U.S. Citizen Spouse or Minor Child Who Was Previously Admitted to the U.S. as an Immigrant of a U.S. Military Service member or of a Direct Hire U.S. Government Civilian Employee Who Has Been Overseas on U.S. Government Orders.

1. U.S. immigration regulations, contained in 8 CFR 211.1 (a)(6), permit non-U.S. citizen spouses or minor children who are returning to a lawful permanent residence in the U.S. to present a VALID OR EXPIRED alien registration receipt card (I-151 or I-551) in lieu of an immigrant visa, provided that:
 - the family member has resided abroad during the official overseas assignment of a military service member or a direct hire U.S. government (USG) civilian employee (sponsor);
 - the family member is preceded by, accompanying, or following to join the sponsor within 4 months of the sponsor's return to the U.S.;
 - the family member is NOT a dependent parent, parent-in-law, child over 21 years old, or ward; and
 - A family member of a non-USG or locally-hired sponsor can NOT make use of this regulation (e.g. AAFES/NEX, AmCross, MWR, contractor).
2. The authorized family member should present the following documents to the air or sea carrier to facilitate boarding:
 - valid passport;
 - valid or expired I-151 or I-551; and
 - sponsor's USG orders for an official overseas assignment.
3. A non-U.S. citizen spouse or minor child who meets the above conditions and has the required documents may be transported to the U.S. without danger of penalty imposed by section 273(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

If you filed your I-751 or I-90 form and received a notice from USCIS, carry both the expired card and the USCIS notice.